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SUBJECT: NEW ZEALAND'S REQUEST FOR ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS

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1. THE FORMAL AGREEMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND
TO THE U.S. PROPOSAL THAT BILATERAL ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS
BE HELD AT THE SENIOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEVEL,
MENTIONED IN REF A, WAS CONVEYED TODAY IN A LETTER FROM
SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FRANK CORNER TO
AMBASSADOR SELDEN. TEXT FOLLOWS:

2. "DEAR AMBASSADOR SELDEN,

FURTHER TO MY LETTER OF 28 APRIL TO YOU AND THE REPLY
FROM MISS HEALY IN YOUR ABSENCE OF 7 JUNE, I SHOULD LIKE
TO LET YOU KNOW HOW THINGS STAND AT PRESENT REGARDING
THE PROPOSED BILATERAL ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS.

AS YOU WILL KNOW THE PRIME MINISTER TOOK A PERSONAL
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INTEREST IN THIS MEETING AND IT WAS THEREFORE NECESSARY
TO SEEK HIS ADVICE ON THE LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION AND
THE TIMING. THE PRIME MINISTER HAS CONCURRED WITH YOUR
SUGGESTION THAT THE TALKS BE HELD AT SENIOR PUBLIC
SERVANT LEVEL, WHICH FOR US WILL MEAN PERMANENT HEADS
AND FOR YOU SENIOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY. IT IS
ANTICIPATED THAT THE SECRETARY TO THE TREASURY, MR LOUGH,

WILL HEAD THE NEW ZEALAND DELEGATION.

THE MOST CONVENIENT TIMING FOR US WILL BE EITHER AT
THE TAIL END OF THE IMF/IBRD ANNUAL MEETING, WHICH IS
29-30 SEPTEMBER, OR EARLY IN THE FOLLOWING WEEK.

I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU, YOUR GOVERNMENT'S
REACTION TO THIS PROPOSED TIMING AND ANY OTHER MATTERS
YOU MIGHT WISH TO RAISE ABOUT THE CONSULTATIONS.

YOURS SINCERELY
SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS"

SELDEN

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